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1. (amended) A sheathing article, comprising:
a first layer of a first material containing a first proportion of a dye, and bounding an interior;
a second layer adjacent said first layer and bounding an exterior, said second layer having a marking face adapted to be marked by irradiation with photons, and said second layer being formed of a second material and containing, at least inside said marking face, a second proportion of the dye smaller than said first proportion of dye, said second proportion of dye associated with said second layer being dimensioned to cause a color change upon irradiation with photons.

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3. (amended) The sheathing according to claim 1, wherein at least one dimension selected from the group consisting of said second proportion of dye associated with said second layer and a thickness of said second layer is adjusted such that said second layer completely absorbs the radiation used for marking.